

More Than A Baby_JESUS IS LIGHT!
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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live and share Him.

Text: Isaiah 8:19-22; 9:1-7,

Introduction:

Big Idea: Jesus came into the world _____ and He intends to be the light that _____ your life—More than a Baby!

Insight #1 -- Light _____ the darkness (Isaiah 8:19-22, 9:2)

1. Isaiah anticipated God's light that would come to the people dwelling in darkness.
 - The people dwelt in “deep darkness” because of false prophets, sin, and a downward spiral morally.
 - What does it mean they were “dwelling in a land of deep darkness”?
 - Contributing factors: world turmoil, _____, _____
 - The darkness symbolized:
 - _____ - They had access to God, but they choose to interact with the dead versus the living God. (8:19-20)
 - _____ - If you're hungry, if you're never satisfied, if you're stumbling around looking for something to gratify, you might be in the darkness. (8:21-22)
 - _____ - Do you find yourself always trying to be in control and yet feeling empty, even angry? That's a sign you need Christ! (8:21-22)

Insight #2 – God _____ his light into our _____. (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

1. The light described in Isaiah 9:6
 - ***The government shall be upon his shoulder***
 - He's not just any baby. He's king. All the weight and hope of the world rests on him.
 - ***As the Wonderful Counselor, he has the shrewdest _____***
 - Not someone who we tell our problems to like a therapist. But it probably refers to a king who has the ability to come up with a winning strategy.
 - ***As the Mighty God, he defeats his _____***
 - When Isaiah wrote these words, Isaiah was facing one of its greatest crises.
 - They had a hard time believing that they could trust God.
 - ***As the Everlasting Father, he takes full _____ for us***
 - Isaiah isn't saying that Jesus is the same as God the Father.
 - Back then, the term father was often used of a king who protects and supports those under him with care and authority, like a father does his family.

- *As the **Prince of Peace**, he reconciles us while we are still his enemies*
 - Jesus is the Prince of Peace who is already bringing health and wholeness to believers who receive his light.
 - Not everyone worships him now. Not everyone joins his kingdom. But some do, and they get to enjoy peace.

Truth Into Action: What will you do with Jesus, the light of the world? (John 1:5-13; 8:12)

- As the **Wonderful Counselor**, he has the shrewdest strategies. **Let's follow him.**
- As the **Mighty God**, he defeats his enemies. **Let's trust him.**
- As the **Everlasting Father**, he takes full responsibility for us. **Let's rest in him.**
- As the **Prince of Peace**, he reconciles us while we are still his enemies. **Let's bow before him.**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

(A guide to be used to grow as a disciple of Jesus by yourself, as a family or small groups)

WARM UP: What is your favorite part of the Christmas celebration?

Q1- What does it mean to be in a state of darkness? What is the darkness in Isaiah 8 & 9?

Q2-What ways do we typically try to get out of the darkness?

Q3-How did God send light into our world?

Q4-What is so special about this light? (Need Help? John 1:5-13, 8:12)

Q5-How will you respond to God's light sent into this world, Jesus?

Q6-How might Jesus as the light of the world make a difference in your life when you:

- lose your job
- struggle to pay a bill
- hear the word "cancer"
- encounter a fractured relationship
- (Come up with your own scenario)

Closing Prayer: Ask God to enable you to walk in the light.